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BEQUESTS to Cornell Botanic Gardens: Sample Language for Your Will

Bequest for an outright unrestricted gift:

"{...dollars} {...percent} {all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate} to Cornell Botanic Gardens, a unit of Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, for the general use of Cornell Botanic Gardens."

Bequest to create a permanent endowment for general operating support:

"{money or property to be bequeathed} to Cornell Botanic Gardens, a unit of Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, to establish an endowment fund to be known as the {name of fund}, the income from which shall be for the unrestricted use of Cornell Botanic Gardens."

Bequest for a specific use:

"{money or property to be bequeathed} to Cornell Botanic Gardens, a unit of Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, to be used for {state purpose, e.g., ...development and maintenance of the horticultural collections –or– preservation and protection of the natural areas –or– educational programming...}."

Bequest for an endowment for a specific purpose:

"{money or property to be bequeathed} to Cornell Botanic Gardens, a unit of Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, to establish an endowment fund to be known as the {name of fund}, the income from which shall be used for {state purpose, e.g., development and maintenance of the horticultural collections –or– preservation and protection of the natural areas –or– educational programming...}."

If a specific use is stated, the addition of the following language will make certain that your gift will continue to support Cornell Botanic Gardens:

"If, in the judgment of the Trustees of Cornell University, changed circumstances should at some future time render the designated use of this fund no longer appropriate, then the Trustees shall direct use of the fund to further the objects and purposes of Cornell Botanic Gardens, giving consideration to my special interest as evidenced by the purpose described above."

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